10th March ami 3r,| April. 1986 regarding reduction in indigenous price of DM f as eduction in customs duty on import of DMT/PTA;

(b) if so, v,hit reasons have been advan. ecu by the Association i_n support oi their demand; and

what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Memoranda dated the 2lst January the 10th March and 'he 3rd April, 1986 on the subject have been received from the Association of Sen-thelic Fibre Industry, Bombay. In these iranda, the Association have mainly requested for reduction in impoit duty on DMTjPTA and also reduction in the indigenous prices of DMT.

(l>) The reasons advanced by the Association for $reductio_n$ in customs duty on imported DMTPTA and reduction in in- prices of DMT are, *inter-ali* in the cost of production of polyestesr con-i to increase in customs duty on DMTjPTA. price increase by Hie indigenous DMT manufacturers not iustif.ed by th price worked out by BTCP. high (II price of PTA as compared to that of DM I, technological advantage in using PTA instead of DMT for the manufacture of polyester, and gain in revenue i_n directly importing PTA, which has a higher CIF value, in of the raw materials for manufacture of DMT viz., Paraxylenc and Methanol.

el Having regard to the findings of HUP. the representations received from I to time from th,. trade including the iiion of Synthetic Fibre Industry, the fact that production of DMT has already been established in the country and as DMT i : PTA ca,, both h_c used as raw materials in the manufacture of synthetic fibrejyarn. etc. the rate structure of import duty on DMTjPTA has been revised [,, April. 1986 in .the interest of indigenous produci DMT in the country.

Removal of excise duty On .nosfara rape-seed refined oil 1.175. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MA-I WIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE he pleased to slate:

(a) whether a representation dated the !()th March 1986 in th^. Cffl Refiners Association. Jaipur, was submitted to him demanding removal of excise duty on mustard | rape-seed refined oq to bring it at par with soyabeanjcottOB seed oil; and

(b) if so, what decision has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): ia) and (b) Yes, Sir. Having regard to relevant considerations the Government has reduced the excise duty on refined mustardlrapessed oil from Rs. 1500|-.per MT to Rs. 750|-per MT with effect from 24th April. 1986.

Losses incurred by Hotel Kaliaga Adiok, Bhulmneslnvar

1176. SHRI SAHA PRAKASH MALAVIYA; Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM be pleased to state;

(a) WIIIM was the net loss incurred by Hotel Kalinga Ashok, Bhubancshwar, during the period from 1st April, 1985 to 31st March |yis'6 and what are. the reasons therefor; and

!>) whether the Hotel earned any profit during the financial yc.r 1984-85 ;md if so, how much?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT); (a) The net loss incurred h\ Hotel Kalinga Ashok, Bhuba neshwar during the period from 1st April, 1985 t_0 31st March, 1986 was Rs. 20.65 lakhs (Provisional).

The main reasons for the losses i_n the hole] are as follows:—

—On-going expansion works of the hotel affecting room occupancy:

—Addition of new hotels i_n the Private Sector with better facilities;

—Non materializtion of some group I bookings.

(b) No. Sir.